



THE ALL-NIGHT GRAD PARTY FOR SENIORS WAS HAILED A "SMASH" BY 647 STUDENTS ATTENDING. GEORGE BRADFORD (R), HOWEVER, COULDN'T KEEP UP WITH KIDS.

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POLIO VICTIM RECEIVES DIPLOMA

Steel Industry Reveals Offers

Details of the offer made by the Big Three steel industries to members of the United Steelworkers of America were made public Saturday following announcement that the union had rejected the companies' offer. A joint statement by United States Steel Corp., Bethlehem Steel Co., and Republic Steel Corp., said the offer to USWA included a wage increase in each of the next five years; a \$2-week supplemental unemployment benefit plan (guaranteed annual wage program), a premium for Sunday work and increases in the present premiums for work on the second and third shifts; improved insurance and pension benefits, an additional paid holiday, and increased vacation pay.

Provisions to protect employees in the event of further rise in the cost of living also were added last week, the statement said.

Offer Rejected
The offer was rejected Friday by USWA as "entirely inadequate." David J. McDonald, union president, termed the offer "too little, too late, and too long." He said the proposal for a 5-year contract was too long.

The talks were deadlocked over the week end, and failure to reach a settlement by June 30 could mean a walkout in the steel industries across America.

The no-strike agreement sought by the steel industry is sorely needed, the statement said, "to enable the companies to plan for and carry out the extensive and costly expansion programs which they have scheduled."

Premium Pay Sought
The three steel companies said the five-year contract would permit steelworkers to plan and carry out family programs and responsibilities "without fear of loss of employment due to strikes at annual contract reopenings that have prevailed in the steel industry for many years."

Among the points sought by the union is a schedule of premium pay for employees working the Saturday and Sunday shifts in a plant. Steelmaking facilities can't be shut down for week ends, and furnaces can't be "banked" to permit the 5-day operation prevalent in many other industries.

Details of the proposals made public by the Big Three companies Saturday would increase their labor costs by the end of the five-year period by more than 65 cents per hour worked; and of this sum, 17 2/3 cents an hour per employee would be effective this year, the statement said.

Trust Fund Proposed
The supplemental unemployment benefit plans offered would provide for the crea-

tion of a trust fund into which the company would pay 5 cents per employe-hour worked.

In the event of a layoff, employes with a minimum service of three years would receive 65 per cent of their after-tax take-home pay; less whatever amounts they receive in state unemployment compensation benefits. Payments out of the trust fund would be a maximum of \$25 a week while state benefits were being collected, and \$47.50 after the state benefits expired. The maximums would be increased by \$2 for each dependent up to four. Benefit amounts and weeks of payment would be reduced if the fund fell below specific levels and until it was restored to those levels.

Fringe Benefits Told
Each of the three steel companies offered substantial increase in benefits under programs for life insurance, sickness and accident insurance, hospitalization and surgical benefits. Sickness and accident disability benefits would be increased to a range of \$42 to \$57 a week, as would benefits supplementing state workers' compensation, in cases of sickness and disabling accidents.

A life insurance schedule would provide maximum coverage of \$6000 per employe and life insurance amounts after retirement would be increased to a scale ranging from \$1300 to \$1550. Similarly, increases in amounts paid through hospitalization insurance and allowances for surgical fees would be provided.

Pensions Improved
The companies offer also provided improved pension benefits. Upon retirement at age 65 or afterward, a steelworker would receive a minimum monthly pension, for each year of continuous service, up to a maximum of 30 years, of \$2 per month for each year of service prior to Nov. 1, 1957, and \$2.50 per month for each year of service after that date. This is in addition to social security benefits.

Under existing contract provisions, employes with 30 years of service receive a minimum of \$1.83 per month for each year of service, upon retirement. The new contract offered by the steel companies would also permit an employe to retire on pension at age 60, if he chose to do so, instead of 65 as at present.



BEDSIDE GRADUATION... Unable to attend graduation exercises with his class, Thursday evening, Frederick William Diesel, of 1608 Post Ave., received his diploma at home Friday. Handing him the prized diploma is Dr. W. Bruce Wagner, principal of Torrance High School. Others (left to right) are Mrs. Ethel Lewis, Fred's home teacher since 1954; Linda Thistle, outstanding senior of the year; Sherwood Tierman, senior president last fall, and Tony Ward, spring senior president. Freddie was stricken with polio in October, 1952, and has been forced to use a chest respirator much of the time since then. He graduated just one year behind his regular class.

Traffic Executives Tour City Tuesday

Tomorrow has been proclaimed "Torrance Transportation Day," and members of the Los Angeles Transportation Club, representing some of the Southland's top businesses and industries, will meet here and then tour the city.

Approximately 100 members of the club are expected to attend tomorrow's meeting here, which will start at Western and Torrance Blvd., when a color guard of the Torrance Mounted Police meet the city buses carrying the club. Mayor Albert Isen will greet them, reading his proclamation of the day.

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